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TO: Councilmember Bruce Harrell, Chair
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SUBJECT: **Seattle Women's Commission 2010 Work Plan**

Attached is the 2010 work plan for the Seattle Women's Commission. Our 2010 plan is divided into two priority areas: **Policies and Programs**, and **Advocacy**.

Policy and program priorities fall into three general categories:

- Violence prevention – addresses domestic violence in immigrant / refugee communities, and improves resources for youth prostitution / exploitation.
- Economic opportunities – address lack of resources for homeless women and families, and advocate for mandatory paid sick leave.
- Health improvements – partner with community organizations to address health disparities between different racial and economic groups.

Advocacy priorities include:

- Monitor the City budget for relevance to women and girls.
- Build relationships with community partners.
- Continue to partner with other commissions staffed by SOCR.
- Apply a Race and Social Justice lens to the work of the Women's Commission.

We are looking forward to meeting with you on Wednesday June 2 to review the highlights of the plan, and to answer any question you may have.

For more information prior to our meeting, please contact SOCR staff liaison Marta Idowu at 684-4540 or marta.idowu@seattle.gov.